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--27. A process for the preparation of an optionally substituted p-hydroxymandelic compound, comprising condensing, in water and in the presence of an alkaline agent, (1) a hydroxylated aromatic compound with (2) glyoxylic acid, the para-position of said hydroxylated aromatic compound being free and said condensation being carried out in the presence of a catalytically effective amount of (3) a polycarboxylic compound.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment(s) is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better condition for U.S. patent practice.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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